

# SANCTUARY STORIES



# ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

Animal SOS Sri Lanka  
UK Registered Charity 1119902



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## Our Story

There are thousands of stray animals in Sri Lanka suffering from horrific injuries, malnutrition and disease. Dogs and cats with fractured spines, severed limbs and maggot infested wounds; pups and kittens living on festering rubbish dumps; animals slowly dying of tick fever, womb infections and bleeding tumours, suffering in agony until they die. With the risk and associated fear of rabies, strays are often demonised, leading to cruelty at the hands of humans. This ocean of suffering and misery is heart breaking for any animal lover to witness, let alone walk away from. Animal SOS Sri Lanka, a UK registered charity, was founded on the vision of Kim Cooling who, after witnessing the appalling plight of animals there, particularly the strays, decided to take action to help them. With a distinct lack of safe havens and veterinary care available to street animals in Sri Lanka, our work and facilities are a lifeline to many otherwise doomed animals.

## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2024

- ❄️ We are currently caring for 2265 dogs and 30 cats at the sanctuary
- ❄️ We provided over 28,000 treatments for disease, wounds, fractures and tumours
- ❄️ We sterilized 750 dogs and cats and conducted 500 other surgeries
- ❄️ We provided over 13,000 blood tests/smears/biochemistry/haematology
- ❄️ We provided over 12,500 anti-parasitic treatments (worming, mange, tick/flea treatments)
- ❄️ We provided over 12,000 vaccinations against rabies and other deadly viruses
- ❄️ We feed around 2,700 cats and dogs EVERY day and operate the largest feeding program and largest animal sanctuary for street animals in Sri Lanka
- ❄️ We are operational EVERY day of the year



*“Kindness is compassion and love in perfect harmony.”*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR LOVELY SUPPORTERS!**



# SOME OF OUR SUCCESSFUL ADOPTIONS OF DOGS AND CATS WE HAVE NURSED BACK FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH.

WE ARE NOW PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS TO HELP MORE OF OUR RESCUES FIND THAT PERFECT HOME THEY SO DESERVE.

CHECK OUT OUR ADOPTION SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION- [HTTPS://WWW.ANIMALSOSADOPTIONS.COM/](https://www.animalsosadoptions.com/)



**Lavender** - one of the babies of tragic **Patti**, the courageous mummy dog that ate food laced with explosives (hakka patas). With her jaw in pieces, Patti somehow kept herself alive for 5 days without food or water to show someone where her new-born babies were. When alerted, we promptly rescued the family, but Patti died soon after arriving at the sanctuary. She died knowing her pups were safe with us. This was 4 years ago but the pain remains in our hearts and always will. Patti lives on in Lavender who was adopted by Kim, the founder. Patti's other babies remain at the sanctuary.



**Mamgu** - Kim recently adopted this sweet little girl who originated from Kandy. Mamgu, a street pup, arrived at the sanctuary in a very weak state and with deformed limbs. She is now thriving in her new home.



**Belvita** - rescued as a pup and then adopted by a lovely couple who fell in love with her.



**Cesare** - a sickly kitty we nursed back to health, found the purrfect home.



**Cash** arrived at the sanctuary on the brink of death after being bitten by a dog on the streets. Despite his disabilities, he thrived under our care and now lives in the UK with the manager who loved and cared for him at the sanctuary.



**Kiki** - One of a litter of pups cruelly dumped in a box near dangerous predators such as venomous snakes and monitor lizards. The family were rescued by Kim and Kiki was later adopted by a lovely supporter and is now living the best life ever in the UK.



**Teri** and **Winnie**, adopted by a lovely family living in Sri Lanka.



**Prasana**

## Pradeep

"I love animals and I always wanted to work with them. I have worked at Animal SOS Sri Lanka since 2020. I am currently working as a veterinary assistant in the lower site clinic and enjoy helping sick animals."

It is a great satisfaction to see sick animals recover and live happily. Animal SOS Sri Lanka is a great place for all animal lovers to help animals in desperate need."



**Pradeep**

## Prasana

"I am Prasanna, I am 25 years old. I am currently work in one of the sanctuary clinics with critical new arrivals and am very passionate about working at this institution. I see the huge difference this charity makes to so many lives every day."

I have been working at SOS for 3 years now and hope to continue because I love making a difference."

# INTRODUCING SOME KEY CLINIC STAFF AT THE SANCTUARY

## Sachin



## Sachin

"My name is Sachin. I am 22 years old and work in the top site clinic and help to assist the vet. I have been working in this organization for over 3 years now. I love dogs very much, so happy to contribute towards this amazing lifesaving work and incredible transformations every day."

I also love the ethos of the charity, fighting for every life. These dogs are so grateful for that chance and the love we give them. It's satisfying to be part of such an important mission saving lives"

## Niranjan (Sudi-Mali)

"I have worked at the sanctuary for 3.5 years now and the sanctuary has changed my life for the better, as I now have a purpose to do good and save lives."

I love helping to nurse sick animals back to health and my role in the clinic is very important- monitoring sick animals, helping with feeding, cleaning and doing wound care. I particularly love caring for the older animals that need extra attention. We share such a close bond and friendship."



**Niranjan (Sudi-Mali)**

# SOME OF THE MANY LIVES SAVED AND TRANSFORMED...



**MIDNIGHT**

**Midnight** - Back in August we were alerted to a poor soul with a huge mass.

The dog was subsequently run over twice by a truck and then a bus and was left with a burst abscess, lying in water in a drain, disabled and helpless.

Our team went to rescue her around midnight, thus her name.

Midnight had a multitude of health issues but was lovingly nursed back from the brink and is mobile and healthy now. She remains at the sanctuary.



**ROCKY**



Baby **Rocky** came to us in August 2023. He was collapsed and at the end stage of Babesia Gibsoni- a tick-borne disease that is a huge killer of dogs in Sri Lanka.

Rocky was severely anaemic, jaundiced and totally flat on arrival. However, we invest in the best medicine for this disease and save many lives including dear Rocky.



**LEMON**

As a disabled puppy **Lemon** was cruelly dumped by a lake at risk of being devoured by monitor lizards and other predators.

She was so weak and anaemic from babesia and had an ulcer on her eye.

Other places would have euthanized her as a hopeless case, but we fight to save them. Lemon is now healthy, walking and her eye condition has healed. She was spayed and fully vaccinated like all our rescues.



**CLAIREY**

**Clairey** arrived in April as a disabled puppy after being attacked by a larger dog on the streets. After physiotherapy and treatments, we got her walking and running again!

We are the difference between life and death for these animals because we give them that precious chance when they need it the most.



**RANI**



**Cutie Patootie** arrived in a horrific state and with an aggressive skin cancer on her leg. We had to amputate her leg, but we saved and transformed her life.

**Nutmeg** arrived at the sanctuary a year ago, a victim of chaining which is extremely common in Sri Lanka. He developed a life threatening wound that was infested



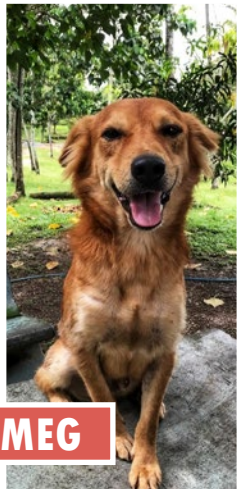
**CUTIE PATOOTIE**

**Rani** - She arrived as a sickly, anaemic pup with severe mange and blood parasites, but made a miraculous recovery and is a very cheeky girl now.

by maggots and the owners discarded him like rubbish. At first Nutmeg was completely untouchable and aggressive due to cruel treatment by his owners but with time and lots of love, he has grown into a playful and lovable boy who is open to cuddles and always the first to greet you in the morning. Please keep supporting us so we can save more dogs like Nutmeg from a life of pain and suffering.



**NUTMEG**



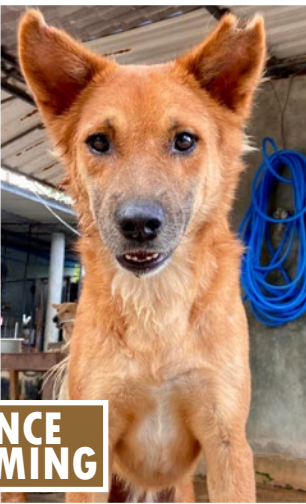
**UHTRED**



**Prince Charming** arrived disabled and weak after an accident, but we nursed him back to health and he is walking now.



**PRINCE CHARMING**



**Uhtred** was taken in as a pup with a serious brain trauma injury from a suspected road traffic accident. It was touch and go, but we fought hard and saved his life.

...THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!



# WINNING HEARTS & MINDS

**“One of the most dangerous things that can happen to a child is to kill or torture an animal and get away with it”**  
 - Margaret Mead

Sadly, we see a huge amount of animal cruelty in Sri Lanka and children are often involved.

With over 50% of the poor souls we take into the sanctuary being victims of horrific cruelty and abuse and with no effective animal protection laws in Sri Lanka, we know that changing attitudes towards animals is fundamental to lasting and sustainable change.

With that in mind, we launched our education program focused on the younger generation.

Venues for our programs are temples, colleges and schools. Our initial program was a huge success and we plan to do many more if we can raise the funds.



The venues are enthusiastic, which is amazing news. Engagement is one huge step forward. However, **each program incurs costs to the charity.**

At the programs we provide each child with a specially designed Love and Kindness colouring book and a box of crayons. We also had to fund the purchase of equipment and software for the presentation.

Just imagine the impact we can make if we can conduct these programs nationwide!

**Please support this vital initiative so we can spread love and kindness to benefit our animal friends.**

**Mary Jane arrived collapsed and dying from parvovirus. We saved her life and just look at our young lady now!**

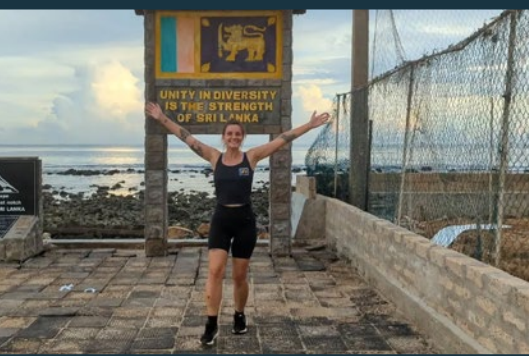


**Mary Jane**

# NEWS

Huge thanks to **Dr Adam Thoms** (the founder's UK vet) and **Goddard Veterinary Group/Vet Partners/Goddard Vet Group** for sponsoring Adam to visit the sanctuary and provide some valued training (Continuing Professional Development) to our resident vets.

Adam specializes in Ophthalmology, so shared his knowledge and looked at some of the complex cases we have at the sanctuary. We also covered best practice in renal, hepatic, feline medicine. Vet medicine, like human medicine, is an evolving field, so to share knowledge and expertise has huge benefits for vets and ultimately the animals.



## LUCIE'S RUN - A RUN FOR THEIR LIFE

In October Lucie ran the length of Sri Lanka to raise vital funds for the charity. This run was from the Northern most tip of Sri Lanka in Sakkotai Cape, Jaffna, all the way down to the most Southern tip at Dondra Head Lighthouse. Distance covered around **600 km on foot**. We had a meetup in Colombo to offer support. What an amazing challenge. Well done Lucie, her brilliant support team, sponsors and donors to the cause!

Lucie's Justgiving page is still open for donations. Please help her reach the target by donating via this link:- [justgiving.com/page/runfortheirlife](https://www.justgiving.com/page/runfortheirlife)



## GIVE A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK

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**ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA**

This festive season, make your gifts truly meaningful by shopping at our new eBay UK store! Every purchase directly supports our work, helping us rescue, shelter, and care for animals in need. Your generosity brings warmth, food, and medical care to countless innocent lives. Together, we can give these animals the second chance they deserve.

Visit our eBay store and make kindness the highlight of your giving this year!

To find us put the following text into Ebay's search bar - **Animal SOS Sri Lanka Shop** - or scan this code.

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# DESPERATE APPEAL AS WE ARE DOWN TO OUR LAST FEW WEEKS RUNNING COSTS

# PLEASE HELP!



Just imagine if we can't continue caring for our rescued cats and dogs at the sanctuary after all the hell they have been through and after our herculean efforts to save their lives! Sadly, we are not managing to raise our monthly running costs that are £60,000. 50% of that is our monthly feeding costs (£30,000) If we can't continue feeding our animals, buying supplies like vital medicines and paying our staff to look after our rescues at the sanctuary, then this will be an utter disaster for our beloved dogs and cats. There are a huge amount of lives at stake.

## WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH TIME!!!

Only DONATIONS can help to keep this lifesaving project going now and save the lives of our sanctuary animals.

**WE CAN'T LET THEM DOWN NOW AFTER ALL OUR HARD AND SELFLESS WORK SINCE 2008.**

## The best ways to help are:

### Monthly Standing Orders...

Monthly Standing orders will help as a regular, committed income will ensure more of our running costs are covered each month. Please consider setting up a standing order either online/directly with your bank, paypal or by downloading a standing order form from our website via - [www.animalsos-sl.com](http://www.animalsos-sl.com). If every rescued dog and cat at the sanctuary were sponsored, that would generate approximately half of our monthly running costs, ease our situation substantially and help with the survival of this vital project.

If our daily feeding costs were sponsored, that would generate half our monthly running costs. The daily cooked meal costs the charity over £1000 a day and there are additional cost for puppy/kitten milk and extra meals for weakened dogs and cats.

### Donate by Cheque

Please make cheques payable to: Animal SOS Sri Lanka  
Post to: **12 Cheyne Avenue, South Woodford, London E18 2DR**

### Donate via card

Call 07773 746108

### Gift Aid

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### Giving Life Through a Legacy

Animal SOS Sri Lanka is run by a small team of dedicated, unpaid, volunteers in the UK, so donations and legacies go directly to animals in need. That is the way we want it to be and we are sure you agree. There are no fat cat CEO salaries and high admin costs with us like many wealthy charities. Our admin is covered by Kim and a tiny team of volunteers.

Legacies will give our charity a future, give stability to our rescues, help us to save many more lives, help us to expand our work, increase our neutering programs, do nationwide education programs to change hearts and minds, enable us to plan ahead and reach out to many more desperate souls in dire need.

There are also generous tax concessions for leaving a legacy to a UK Registered Charity. Animal SOS Sri Lanka's Registered Charity Number is 1119902.

*There is no greater way of directly helping and saving lives than remembering Animal SOS Sri Lanka in your will.*



**ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA**

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Rani's story is one of hope. Rescued by us in 2022 as a sickly puppy suffering from blood parasites and severe mange, after much care and love, she has blossomed into a beautiful, cheeky girl. Since 2007, Animal SOS Sri Lanka has been a lifeline for thousands of injured, abused and vulnerable animals like Rani. We provide them with a second chance through life-saving veterinary care and a safe refuge.

Our sanctuary in Sri Lanka is home to nearly 2,500 rescued dogs and cats, including many with disabilities who are rehabilitated through our specialised care programme. We run the country's largest sanctuary, the largest feeding program which includes feeding hundreds of community animals daily, as well as educating locals about animal welfare. We are dedicated to giving even the most critical cases a fighting chance. But we can't do it alone - your donations are essential to continue this vital work. Please help us provide the care, love, and sanctuary these animals deserve and help us to continue our work. Together, we can transform lives.

## THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

### PLEASE HELP!

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**PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE GIVING THESE ANIMALS A FUTURE BY DONATING TODAY - There is no greater gift**

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*THANK YOU!*